



IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph appearing at page 3 lines 4-12 as follows:

The disclosed device is directed to an apparatus for treating a remote location within the vasculature of a patient. The apparatus comprises an outer shaft, and inner shaft disposed within the outer shaft, and a rigid inner member disposed within the inner shaft. The outer shaft, inner shaft, and rigid inner member each have a proximal end and a distal end. The rigid inner member is fixedly attached or connected at its proximal end to the proximal end of the inner shaft and extends the length of the inner shaft. The outer shaft is slidable relative to the inner shaft from a first position in which the proximal end of the outer shaft is remote from the proximal end of the inner shaft to a second position in which the proximal end of the outer shaft is adjacent to the proximal end of the inner shaft.

Please amend the paragraph extending from page 6, line 16 to the end of the page as follows:

As seen in Fig. 9, the rigid inner member 20 is disposed within the interior passage 56 of the inner shaft 18 with the proximal end 68 of the rigid inner member 20 mounted to the proximal end 52 of the inner shaft 18. The mounting surface 80 of the flange 78 is fixed to the seat 66 of the inner shaft 18, with, in this example, the distal end 70 of the rigid inner member 20 extending through the aperture 62 of the inner shaft 18. Although in the disclosed example the elongate portion 72 extends through the aperture 40 of the outer shaft 16, it is also possible that the elongate elongate portion 72 terminates at the aperture 62 of the inner shaft 18. As such, in the present example, the rigid inner member 20 has interior portion inside the inner shaft 18, and an exterior portion distal from the end of the outer shaft 16.